

Sunday August 9, 2026
Compassion
Discussion Questions
Matthew 9:35-38, Matthew 14:13-21, Matthew 30:29-34

- 1) Can you think of a time when you experienced a situation where you felt unsure of what to do but you knew that God needed to show up?
- 2) What is the difference between feeling sorry for someone and having genuine compassion for them?
- 3) Read Matthew 9:35-38.
- 4) What might it mean that Jesus saw the crowds as “harassed and helpless” or “sheep without a shepherd”?
- 5) One of the reasons that the crowds were like sheep without a shepherd was because they experienced poor leadership at the hands of the religious elite. What forms of poor leadership, neglect, confusion, or oppression might cause people to feel scattered and vulnerable today?
- 6) Why do you think that Jesus tells the disciples to “pray to the Lord of the harvest” before he sends them out in Matthew 10:1?
- 7) What does it look like for compassion to move beyond emotion and become action?
- 8) How might we see people as individuals created in God’s image rather than as numbers, problems, projects, or interruptions?
- 9) What might it mean for our church as a whole to proclaim the Kingdom of God with both words and actions?
- 10) Who is someone (or many someones) God may be inviting you to see more clearly or notice more intentionally?
- 11) If someone asked you, “What is Fort George Baptist Church all about?” how would you answer?